In the Court of Appeals of the State of Alaska

Ralph Ilasa Vagana,

Appellant,

V.

State of Alaska,

Appellee.

Court of Appeals No. A-13708

Order

Date of Order: September 16, 2021

Trial Court Case No. 3AN-19-03875CR

The Public Defender Agency currently represents the Appellant, Ralph Ilasa Vagana. The Agency, however, has filed a motion to withdraw on the grounds that it has a disqualifying conflict of interest under Professional Conduct Rules 1.6 and 1.7(a)(1). The Agency explains that the Agency already represents another person who is directly adverse to Mr. Vagana. The State takes no position to the Agency's motion.

When the Public Defender Agency is unable to represent an appellant because of a conflict of interest, representing the appellant becomes the responsibility of the Office of Public Advocacy.

Accordingly IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. The Public Defender Agency's motion to withdraw is **GRANTED**.
- 2. The Office of Public Advocacy is appointed to represent Mr. Vagana in this appeal. That Office is directed to promptly assign an attorney to this case and to have that attorney file an entry of appearance.

Entered under the authority of Chief Judge Allard.

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